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YOUTH SUPPORT COUNSELOR

Summary

Title: Youth Support Counselor

ID: 81121

Location: Various Locations (Queens, Brooklyn, Long Island)

Department: Client Services

Description

Our Motto: HOPE IS UNSTOPPABLE!

Our kids need YOU!

Youth Workers fulfill a vital role for our young people. They watch and learn from you. As they grow to know you, they begin to connect with you. They begin to trust. They begin to heal.

Can they be challenging? YUP. Can they be difficult? Weren't we all difficult as kids, especially during our teen years? Residential placement may be the first safe place they've lived, but it's still scary for them.

It's not easy work, but it's fulfilling work. We do require all staff to observe all HIPAA privacy regulations. And, an accepting, affirming and non-judgement approach toward LGBTQ youth and staff is required.

Full-time and Part-time schedules are available. Most shifts are evenings and weekends, when the children are not in school. Weekends are generally required. We do have awake overnight positions available at some locations. A 2-3 week PAID training (M-F, 10am – 6pm) is required.

Brief Description of Job: The children in our residential treatment center have emotional and psychiatric issues. Most have suffered devastating loss through trauma, violence, abandonment, poverty, substance abuses, or abuse. Helping our children get stabilized and stay stabilized is the key to them having a good future. Positions are available in Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk.

Qualifications:

- High Diploma or Equivalent
- Prior experience working with children is a strong plus
- Valid Driver's License with a satisfactory driving record strongly preferred
- **EXTENSIVE PAID TRAINING PROVIDED**

We need YOU!

Who We Are: Founded as an orphanage in 1894 by the Sisters of Mercy, MercyFirst today offers an integrated continuum of care for children in need, from birth through adolescence, including children who have been abused and neglected; youth with serious emotional problems; teenagers and young adults who are without family; and families coping with the stress and pressures of poverty, domestic violence, mental illness, and substance abuse.

Our Mission: MercyFirst, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, inspires hope and promotes healing for children and families by providing quality human services and educational opportunities while advocating for social change.

What We Offer: Competitive salaries and an excellent benefits package.

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